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SUBJ: TAXATION OF SOVIET JOURNALISTS IN NEW YORK PROTESTED

1. IN NOTE TO EMBASSY DATED AUG 13, MFA PROTESTED US "VIOLATION" OF US-USSR CONVENTION OF JUN 20, 1973, ON QUESTIONS OF TAXATION. ACCORDING TO NOTE, LETTERS WERE EXCHANGED WHEN CONVENTION WAS SIGNED, EXEMPTING JOURNALISTS FROM TWO COUNTRIES FROM TAXATION OF THEIR SALARIES AS OF JAN 1, 1976. IN CONTRAV-VENTION OF UNDERSTANDING, ACCORDING TO NOTE, "MOSCOW NEWS" AND "NOVOSTI" CORRESPONDENTS IN NEW YORK HAVE RECEIVED BILLS FOR FEDERAL, STATE AND CITY TAXES FOR FIRST QUARTER 1976, WHILE SOVIET SIDE HAS STOPPED COLLECTING AMERICAN CORRESPONDENTS' TAXES AS OF JAN 1, 1976. NOTE CLOSES WITH DEMAND FOR FULFILLMENT OF AGREEMENT AND REFUND OF TAXES COLLECTED BY US SIDE.

2. EMBASSY PROPOSES TO REPLY THAT SOVIET SIDE SHOULD PURSUE MATTER

WITH DEPARTMENT THROUGH EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON.

3. DEPARTMENT'S CONCURRENCE OR ALTERNATE GUIDANCE REQUESTED.

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